President.—You have not received that Report?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I had no opportunity to see that. There was no information regarding the lack of drainage.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was asked to see the Pullut-Karuppadanna road.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—That was not one of the works proposed by the Committee.

President.—We shall send the Report to the Chief Engineer and see what can be done.

The Departmental Test Examinations.

229. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state why a supplementary list has now been published in the Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101, declaring a few more candidates to have passed in the Departmental Test held in March 1926?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state why the names of these candidates were not included in the original list?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) The minimum fixed for the tests was found to work hardship on the candidates. It was, therefore, revised and the pass list supplemented.

(b) They had not obtained the required minimum originally fixed.

230. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any reduction has been made in the minimum percentage of marks as required in the previous years?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that have led the Government to bring in such an alteration now?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) In place of an aggregate minimum of 50%, and a separate minimum of 35% for each subject, a minimum of 40% has been fixed for each subject.

(b) Vide answer to part (a) of question No. 229.

231. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether those candidates who have appeared for the tests in previous years, but got only as many marks as those who have now been declared successful, will also be considered as having passed the tests?

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(b) If the answer to question (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it would now consider the just grievances of the officers referred to in the previous question? If not, why not?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not consider it proper to review cases of the officers under reference.

Officers allowed to draw T. A. when they were using Sirkar conveyances.

232. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether officers were and are allowed to draw travelling allowances during the last 7 years, even when they were using motor cars, boats and saloons supplied by the Darbar;

(b) if so, who are these officers, and what are their names;

(c) what were and are the terms, if any, on which State conveyances were and are placed at the disposal of these officers?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Yes, subject to the conditions contained in Article 285, the *C. S. R.* The Diwan alone is entitled to the use of saloons.

(b) The rules referred to in (a) are not special to any officer.

(c) The terms are contained in Article 285, the *C. S. R.* The Diwan, however, is entitled to free conveyances by the terms of his appointment.

Officers who were in camp in Chittur between 10th Edavam 1101 and 25th Edavam 1101.

233. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state who were the Heads of Departments or other touring officers who were in camp in the Chittur Taluk between 10th Edavam and 25th Edavam 1101, and what is the amount of travelling allowance drawn on this occasion by each of them?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Complete information cannot be given now as the travelling allowance bills of some of the officers will be received by the 15th of Karkadagam only. A list containing the information available is appended (*vide Appendix VI*).

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